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Douglas Gordon returned to see me this morning. He is steeped in the history of the early houses of Paris and we had a most enjoyable talk.

I attended a large buffet lunch at the Crillon given by Bill Batt in honor of Governor Stassen and the FOA Mission Chiefs.

At three o'clock in the Hotel Talleyrand I presented, with Tommy and Lister, the developments in the European integration field. Between the presentation and questions, we were fully occupied for almost two hours.

Then I had a talk with Ben Moore and Mr. Waugh, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, about various departmental problems. Ben later told me confidentially that he intends to leave the Department the end of the year and try to locate a business position offering better stability of employment than does the Department under present circumstances.

In that connection, I have been struggling with Eddie Crouch over the problem presented by Miss Schukraft having been given, like so many others, a termination notice. I think we have arrested this blow, but administrative actions of this sort are [redacted] disturbing.

We spent the night at Versailles.

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